

REMARKS

In the foregoing amendments, claims 1 and 17 are amended; and claims 2, 18 and 23-25 are canceled without waiver, disclaimer or prejudice. Claims 1, 3-17, and 19-22 are now pending in the present application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the now pending claims 1, 3-17, and 19-22 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (770) 933-9500.

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Optical Fiber End With an Optical Waveguide
Inventors: Kennedy et al.
Docket No.: 10020169-3

Replacement Sheet

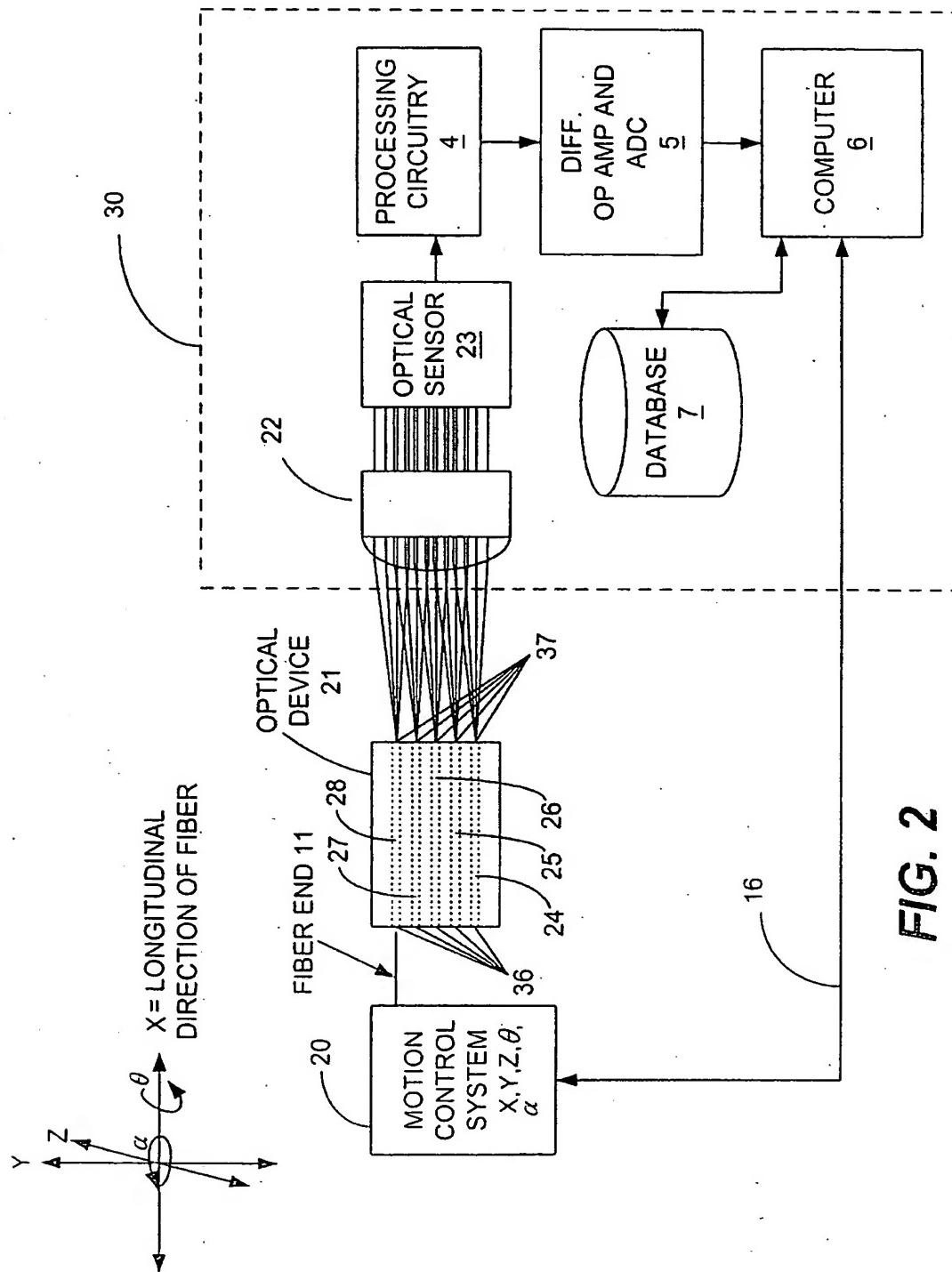


FIG. 2